

C2 21.(Amended) A method in a computer system for generating images on a display device, the method comprising:

receiving a speech input signal that is indicative of human speech;

displaying a volume meter that is indicative of the magnitude of at least a portion of the speech input signal; and

displaying a progress meter close to the volume meter on the display so that a user can perceive both the progress meter and the volume meter without substantially moving their eyes, the progress meter quantitatively indicating the amount of progress of a speech recognition system in decoding the speech input signal.

C3 29.(Amended) A computer program designed to operate in a computer system having a display, the computer program comprising:

a volume meter portion capable of displaying a volume meter on the display that is indicative of the volume of a human speech signal;

a speech recognition portion that is capable of converting the human speech signal into a set of sub-words; and

a progress meter portion capable of displaying a progress meter on the display proximate the volume meter, the progress meter being quantitatively indicative of the amount of progress of the speech recognition portion in converting the human speech signal.